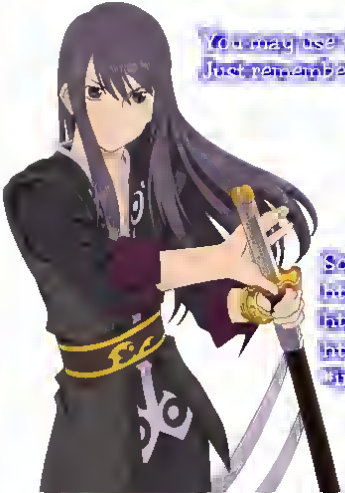

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WELL HERE'S OUR (TALS') FIRST COLLABORATION. THE MANGA IS A ONE SHOT BY THE NAME OF "SMARGS WON'T SING". WE'VE HAD THIS ON OUR TO DO LIST FOR SOME TIME NOW BUT HAD NO TRANSLATION. HENCE, WE DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH A COLLAB WITH ITADAKIMASU. THANK YOU RENA CHAN FOR THE AWESOME RAWS AND FEVRIER FOR LETTING ME USE HER TRANSLATION. AS WELL AS ITADAKIMASU FOR COLLABORATING WITH US ^^
AND WITH THAT, ENJOY THIS RELEASE. ~FLARE

Around three years ago, a village was destroyed by an evil Smarg (magical creature), in this case - a dragon. The sole survivors of the massacre, the sisters Chloe and Iria, fled to a nearby village. The younger sister Chloe, doesn't speak, but is a friendly and diligent worker who is loved by all. The elder sister Iria, is disruptive, rude, and cruel, especially towards the unfailingly loyal Chloe. But how did two young girls manage to escape such a powerful creature in the first place? Is it possible that one of them made a pact with the Smarg? {tethysdust ~ MH}

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悲しい程　優しい思い…
運命は交錯する――

魔物（スマーグ）は歌わない

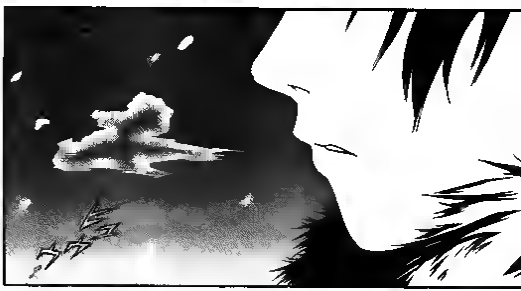
山本久美子

Explosive読切

A MYSTERIOUS FLAME BURNS THROUGH THE MOONLESS NIGHT...!
SO, YOUR WISH.
LET'S HEAR IT...

HOWEVER, IF YOU BREAK THE CONTRACT...
HEHEHE... I THINK YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN.
IT'S A DEAL.
KEEP TO THE TERMS
FOR THREE YEARS!

THE SMARGS.
WHO POSSESS A MIGHTY POWER THAT HUMAN BEINGS WILL NEVER MATCH
THEY ARE BEINGS OF GREAT INTELLECT...
HOWEVER, IF ONE MAKES A CONTRACT WITH A SMARG,
THEY SAY HE WILL LISTEN TO A SINGLE REQUEST
AND RESPECTS THE CONDITIONS THAT HE LAYS DOWN.



HEY, CHLOE! TWO WHISKEYS!
SAME HERE!
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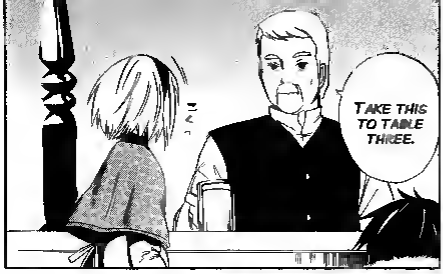
MISTER, DO YOU RUN AN INN HERE TOO?
AH. WELCOME! YES, I DO.
IT'S RARE, THOUGH, TO SEE SOMEONE COME TO THE VILLAGE IN THIS SEASON.
HM, A CONTRACT?
MORE IMPORTANTLY, GIVE ME WHATEVER YOU'VE GOT THAT'S HOT. IT'S PRETTY COLD OUT THERE.
OF COURSE.
JUST A MOMENT. HEY, CHLOE!
YEAH, I GUESS.
I HAVE A CONTRACT TO FULFILL.


TAKE THIS TO TABLE THREE.

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CHLOE!

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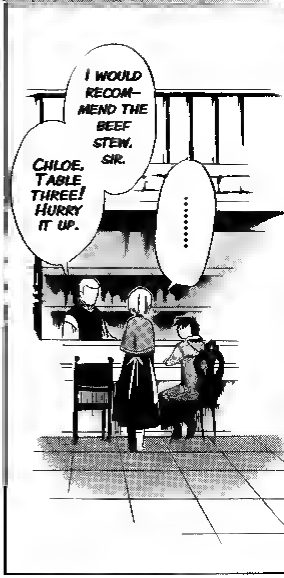
SAY, WHAT DISH HERE WOULD YOU RECOM-MEND?

SO PLEASE DON'T BE UPSET WITH HER FOR NOT AN-SWERING.
SHE CAN'T TALK AT ALL.
SHE CAN'T RESPOND, YOU KNOW.


I WOULD RECOM-MEND THE BEEF STEW, SIR.
CHLOE, TABLE THREE! HURRY IT UP.
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SHE'S A GOOD KID, AND SHE WORKS HARD.
UNLIKE HER OLDER SISTER...
SISTER?

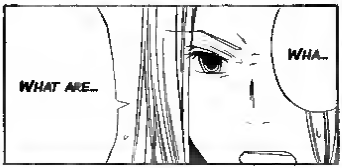
WHERE'S CHLOE?
.....
I TOLD YOU TO BRING ME A DRINK, DIDN'T I?
WHY'D YOU TAKE IT TO SOME OTHER GIN?
CHLOE!
JUST WHEN WE GOT OUR HOPES UP—
SHE'S HERE!
ILIA!
?

I'VE TOLD YOU, I SHOULD ALWAYS BE YOUR FIRST PRIORITY!!
HOW AWFUL...
STOP IT, ILIA!
I'VE TOLD YOU, IF YOU'RE GOING TO GET IN THE WAY, DON'T COME TO THE INN!
!!
THIS GIRL IS MY LITTLE SISTER, NO?
SINCE SHE DOESN'T LISTEN TO WHAT HER ELDER SAYS...
IT'S COMMON SENSE, ISN'T IT?
WHA-!

!!
SIR?!
!!
IT WAS GETTING NOISY. THIS IS BETTER.
We should be asking if you're alright!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

WHY DON'T YOU APOLOGIZE?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, ILIA!!
YOU'RE HORRIBLE!

DID YOU COME TO GET YOURSELF BEAT UP, IDIOT?
I DIDN'T MEAN TO CLASH WITH ANYONE.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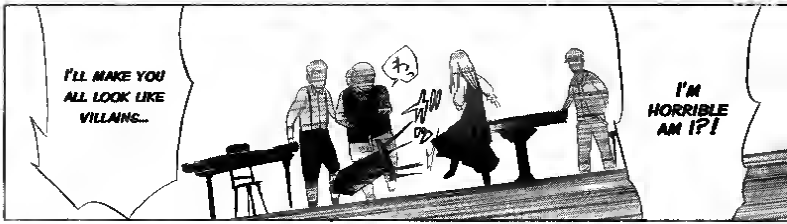
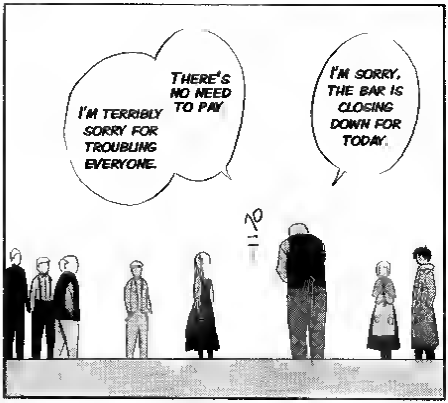
WHAT ARE...


I'LL MAKE YOU ALL LOOK LIKE VILLAINS...
I'M HORRIBLE AM I?!


I'M TERRIBLY SORRY FOR TROUBLING EVERYONE.
THERE'S NO NEED TO PAY
I'M SORRY, THE BAR IS CLOSING DOWN FOR TODAY.

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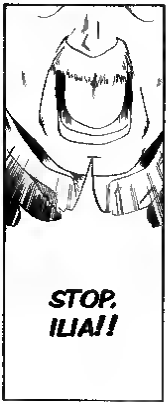
STOP, ILIA!!

NOW, YOU IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE ME ANY COMPENSATION.
GO HELP CHLOE.
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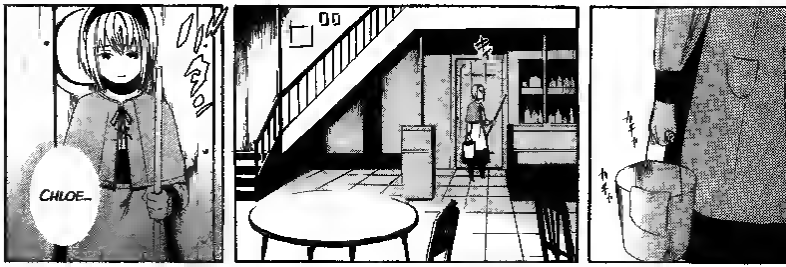
THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE JUST FINE.
SO, THAT'S HOW IT IS!
REALLY
I FEEL SORRY FOR CHLOE AND THE BOSS.
ILIA'S A FOOL...
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF SHE NEVER CAME TO THIS VILLAGE.
...WHY THAT WENCH WAS LEFT ALIVE...
TOMORROW IT'S EXACTLY...
THREE YEARS.

THE DAY OF THE CON-TRACT.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I WILL CER-TAINLY KEEP THE CONDI-TIONS.
I'M SORRY I WOR-RIED YOU.
I'M FINE. REALLY...
I'M NOT INJURED.
SEE?
?!

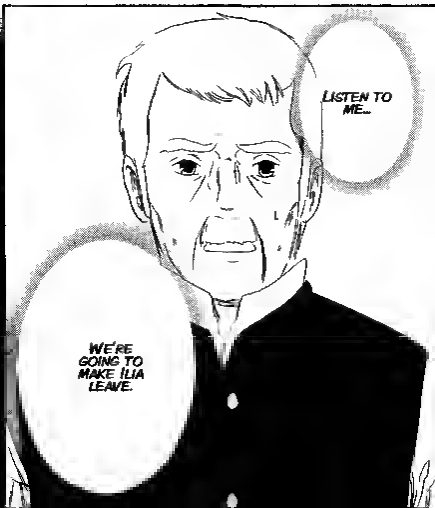
I told you...
It's strange there isn't even a bruise.
I'm glad you're fine. But...
He just got red wine poured over his head...
There's no blood. Not one injury.
Yes.
Those two were originally from another village."
Wards?
Those sisters.
Ilia and Chloe both, are my wards.
But I am truly sorry
Three years ago, their home-town was destroyed by a
Only two people survived.
And those two are Ilia and Chloe.

Still, that's no excuse.
You have my apologies.
However, this is the first time she's gone so far as to hit a customer...
Chloe does her best to help out.
And she's really been a saviour but Ilia... There are many who don't think well of her.


Chloe...

I understand what you want to say

But it's already been decided.
You're always sticking up for her.


We're going to make Ilia leave.
Listen to me...

WELCOME BACK, SIS!
TOMORROW WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A TALK WITH HER.
GOOD WORK!
EVEN DINNER'S READY.
THAT'S MY SISTER, ALL RIGHT!
CHLOE, I'M HOME!
♪ LULALA ♪
♪ LULU LALA ♪
IT'S NOT THAT...
YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL, ILIA?
HEY, THIS SOUP IS DELI-CIOUS!
YOU'RE LIVELY TODAY, CHLOE.
WHEN I LISTEN TO YOU SING, IT MAKES ME FEEL BETTER.

Ah...
Wait, there's still bread...
Any-ways, I'm going to bed
Thanks for making dinner.
But...!
You eat it...
I'm full.
Couldn't you cut back on work a little?
What are you saying, with the way we're living...
.....
Sister, you're pushing yourself too hard, don't you think?
.....!
Yeah!
If you eat a lot, you'll grow faster.
Then you'll be able to make things easier for me, right?
I'm fine. A little thing like this...
Sister, such a fever!--
It's because you pushed your-self too much!
When I grow up--
--I'll defi-nitely help you, sister!

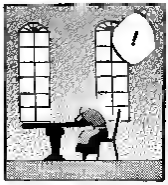
WHAT?
SING A SONG FOR ME.
A SONG?
AT TIMES LIKE THESE, THERE'S REALLY NOTHING WE CAN DO.
HEY
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH JUST MY EARNINGS? WE CAN'T BUY MEDICINE.
I CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING APPROPRIATE...
LATELY I HAVEN'T BEEN HEARING MUCH THOUGH...
EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE, YOU'VE ALWAYS SUNG SO WELL.
.....!
SURE...
A LULLABY, THEN.
IT'S FINE -
...JUST SING. PLEASE.
WHEN I HEAR YOU SING,
IT MAKES ME FEEL BETTER.
EVEN IN TIMES LIKE THESE SHE WORRIES ABOUT ME...

WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO HELP ILIA?
EVEN THOUGH I WANT TO SAVE HER...
LOOK OVER THERE!
SOME-ONE'S FALLEN DOWN!
IT WAS LUCKY WE THOUGHT WE HEARD A VOICE AND CAME TO LOOK...
MAYBE THEY'RE FROM THE VILLAGE THAT THE SMARG DE-STROY'ED...
THEY'RE CHIL-DREN!
IT'S AL-RIGHT, DON'T WORRY.
WE'LL TAKE BOTH OF YOU TO A DOCTOR RIGHT AWAY.
WE'LL CARRY YOU ALL RIGHT!
SHE...
-SHE CAN'T SPEAK ANYMORE!
M... MY SISTER...
WHAT IS IT?

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER...
YOU'RE ALWAYS IN THE WAY...
UP UNTIL NOW...
YOU'VE NEVER HELPED!
...IF YOU HADN'T BEEN THERE!
TO HELP HER...
I HAVE...
FROM NOW ON,
I HAVE TO PROTECT ILIA.
.....!

YES. GOOD MORN-ING.
MORN-ING, MISTER!
WHOA. AMAZING. THE PLACE IS SPAR-KLING.

THIS IS...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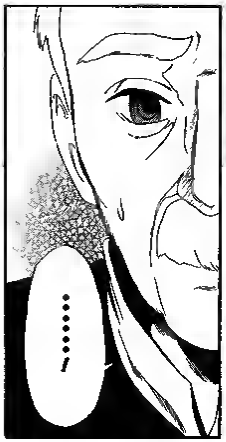
NO.
DO YOU ALWAYS MAKE IT THIS CLEAN?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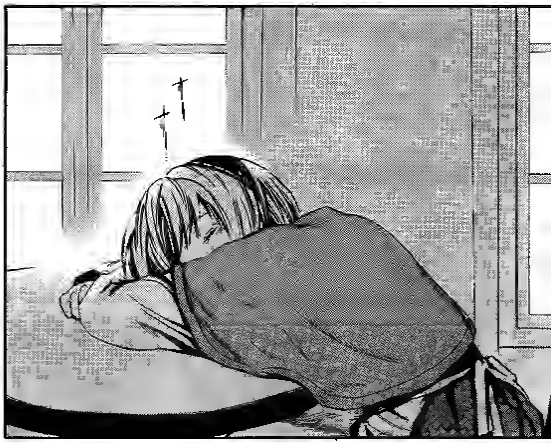
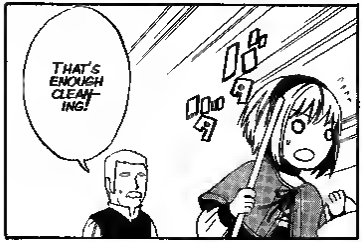
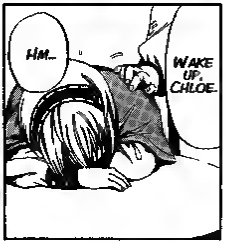



THAT'S ENOUGH CLEAN-ING!


HM..
WAKE UP, CHLOE.

YOU'VE DEFINITELY CONVEYED YOUR FEELINGS...
YOU WANT TO KEEP ILIA HERE, RIGHT.
BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
CLEARLY, BOTH FOR YOU AND ME.
SHE'S NOTHING BUT A BURDEN!
YOU CAN'T CHANGE MY MIND...
NOW, GO TO YOUR ROOM AND REST A LITTLE...
CHLOE...
FOR THE SAKE OF A SISTER LIKE THAT...
WO~W!
!

WHY ARE YOU CLINGING TO THE FLOOR?
IT'S NOT GOOD TO BE DOING THAT SO EARLY IN THE MORNING, YOU KNOW.
IT IS YOUR HOBBY OR SOME-THING?
SHE STAYED UP ALL NIGHT CLEANING SO THAT YOU WOULDN'T BE EXPELLED FROM THE SHOP.
AND NOW SHE'S COME SO FAR AS TO BEG ON HER HANDS AND KNEES!
ILIA... CHLOE, SHE...
CHLOE...
DOESN'T IT MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU AT ALL?!
IT'S ALL FOR YOUR SAKE!

AND YOU'RE EXPECTING ME TO SHOW GRATITUDE, IS THAT IT?
HMPH-- TIMENCE.
IT'S STILL FILTHY HERE ISN'T IT, CHLOE?
YOU CAN'T EVEN DO SOME-THING LIKE CLEANING RIGHT...
HONESTLY...
YOU'RE USE-LESS!
ILIA!

NEVER COME BACK HERE AGAIN!
YOU ARE NOT TO SET FOOT IN HERE ANYMORE!
GET OUT!
CHLOE!
SHE SHOULDN'T BE DOING THINGS ON HER OWN WITHOUT MY PERMISSION.
YOU...
CHLOE IS MY SISTER. SO...
SAY, I'M ALWAYS SAYING IT RIGHT?
WHAT'S UP WITH THE INN-KEEPER?
OH NO, POOR CHLOE'S BLEEDING!
YOU TOO, STOP COVERING FOR ILIA!
WHY ARE YOU GOING SO FAR FOR HER?

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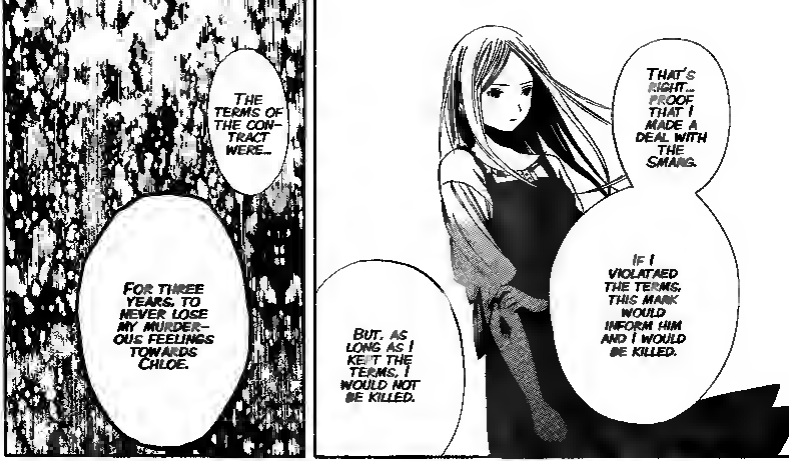
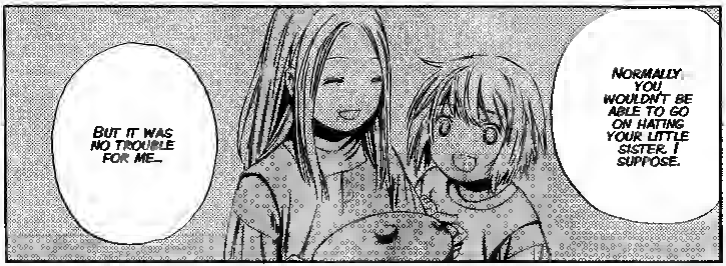
……
That she would go so far as to hurt poor Chloe...!
What a bitch!
Get out, just like the innkeeper said!
Not just out of the shop, but the village too!
Every-one hates you!
We'll all be relieved once you're gone!
……!!
He he...
Heh ehe...
..?!

YES, FINE.
I'LL LEAVE
I ALWAYS INTENDED TO ANY-WAY.
BECAUSE TODAY... THIS VILLAGE WILL BE NO MORE.
WHAT?
...!
WHAT IS SHE SAYING?
ILIA...
IN ANY CASE, YOU'RE ALL DEAD AS IT IS.
WELL IT WAS PRETTY FUN LIVING HERE.
WHETHER YOU HATE ME OR NOT DOESN'T MATTER.
I WAS ABLE TO DO WHAT I LIKED.
...!
...?

I... BEGGED THAT SMARG...
WHY DO YOU THINK TWO LITTLE CHILDREN ALONE WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE A SMARG?
YOU NEVER ASKED YOURSELVES THAT?
YOU'RE ALL REALLY SUCH FOOLS...
JUST HAVE MERCY ON ME!
I DON'T CARE IF MY LITTLE SISTER IS KILLED!
AND SO I MADE A PACT
IF I OBEYED THE CONDITIONS, HE WOULD LET ME LIVE.
THIS IS THE MARK...
THE SEAL OF THE SMARG'S CONTRACT!


THE TERMS OF THE CONTRACT WERE...
FOR THREE YEARS, TO NEVER LOSE MY MURDEROUS FEELINGS TOWARDS CHLOE.
BUT, AS LONG AS I KEPT THE TERMS, I WOULD NOT BE KILLED.
IF I VIOLATED THE TERMS, THIS MARK WOULD INFORM HIM AND I WOULD BE KILLED.
THAT'S RIGHT... PROOF THAT I MADE A DEAL WITH THE SMAG.


BUT IT WAS NO TROUBLE FOR ME...
NORMALLY, YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO GO ON HATING YOUR LITTLE SISTER, I SUPPOSE.

IT'S FINE! REALLY, I'M FINE LIKE THIS!
EVERY DAY, YOU'RE NOTHING BUT TROUBLE!
I WAS TIRED OF PLAYING THE "NICE BIG SISTER."
LONG BEFORE THE VILLAGE WAS ATTACKED

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN PATIENT!
GO ON, CHLOE. YOU EAT IT!
YOU'RE NO HELP...
...AND YOU CAN'T SING EITHER!
IT REALLY MAKES ME HAPPY TO HEAR YOU SING, CHLOE!
I'VE ALWAYS HATED YOU!
BUT...
FOR YOU AS WELL, THIS IS THE END.
HE-HEY!
IT CAN'T BE!

THIS IS BAD! IT'S THE SMARG WHO DE-STROYED THAT VILLAGE!
WE'LL BE CAUGHT!
RUN FOR IT!
EVEN IF YOU RUN IT'S NO USE.
LAST TIME, EVERY-ONE RAN TOO.
...!!
CHLOE AND I WERE THE ONLY ONES LEFT ALIVE?
DIDN'T YOU KNOW...
!
WHY DO WE HAVE TO DIE...
- FOR YOUR SAKE?
YEAH!
THAT'S RIGHT!

HAHAHAHAHAHA!
YES.
THAT'S FINE...
WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?
DEVIL!
WAAAH! I'M SCARED!
MURDERER!
DIE!
HEHE...
SINCE THAT'S THE CASE...
EVERYONE HOLDS A GRUDGE AGAINST ME.
EVERYONE HATES ME...
DEATH WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO GET AWAY WITH ME.

THAT IS THE TRUE CONTRACT!
D...DON'T KILL US!
I BEG OF YOU!
DON'T STOOP SO LOW AS TO BEG FOR MERCY...
DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY HUNDREDS OF TIMES I'VE HEARD THAT?
PLEASE!
YOU CAN KILL ME HOW-EVER YOU LIKE!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ANYONE, JUST KILL ME!
SPARE THIS CHILD...
SHE'S MY PRE-CIOUS SISTER!
SO...!

JUST KILL ME?
WHAT A FOOLISH NOTION!
TO SACRIFICE ONESELF TO SAVE THE LIVES OF EVERYONE ELSE...
FINE, I'LL MAKE THINGS INTERESTING!
YOU SAY I CAN KILL YOU HOWEVER I LIKE?
IN THAT CASE, I'LL DO IT IN THREE YEAR'S TIME!!
IN THAT TIME,
YOU MUST BECOME DESTISED BY EVERYONE, INCLUDING YOUR PRECIOUS SISTER.

IN THREE YEARS, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO INVOLVE YOURSELF WITH MANY PEOPLE.
BUT YOU MUST BECOME THAT WHICH THEY ALL HATE AND DESPISE MOST.
IF YOU BECOME HATED BY THE SISTER YOU SAY YOU WANT TO SAVE,
IF YOU BECOME COMPLETELY ALONE,
THEN, I WILL INDEED KILL ONLY YOU.
NO ONE MUST FEEL SORRY FOR YOU.
NO ONE MUST VALUE YOU.
AND ALL THE WHILE, YOU WILL RATHER YOU HAD DIED...
AND THEN, AFTER THREE YEARS, I WILL COME TO BEYOUR YOU THESE ARE MY CONTE-
SO, WHAT WILL YOU DO?
WITH ALL THAT, WILL YOU STILL SAVE YOUR SISTER'S LIFE?
CHLOE!

...EVEN THOUGH WE WERE ALWAYS STARVING...
...EVEN THOUGH WE HAD NO MONEY...
I... EVEN THOUGH WE DIDN'T HAVE A MOTHER OR FATHER...
...EVEN THOUGH LIFE WAS ALWAYS HARD...
BECAUSE YOU WERE THERE,
I ALWAYS DID MY BEST, AND I WAS ABLE TO KEEP ON LIVING.

I ACCEPT YOUR CONDITIONS! IT'S A CONTRACT!
THESE THREE YEARS...
HAVEN'T BEEN EASY.
SO...
FINE!
CHLOE...
I'M SORRY THAT EVERY DAY WAS SO HARD
AND THEN...
EVERYONE WAS SO WONDERFUL AND KIND.
IT WAS SO HARD TO UPSET THEM...
I THOUGHT, "WHAT SHOULD I DO...?"
AND YET, NO MATTER WHAT, YOU WOULDN'T HATE ME...

ALRIGHT.
YOU FINALLY DID IT. I'M SO RELIEVED...
BUT STILL...
I'LL ONLY KILL YOU.
YOU IRONISCY, YOU KNOW.
THAT FLESH OF YOURS BOUND BY THE CONTRACT WILL STRENGTHEN ME.
I WILL BECOME EVEN MORE POWERFUL!
AAAAH!
HE'S COMING!

CHLOE!
WHA-?
!?
IT SEEMS LIKE SHE'S COME TO SAVE YOU.
THAT LITTLE GIRL FROM LONG AGO...
...?
WAIT...
IT'S DEATH FOR EVERYONE, THEN?
OATH BREAKER.
LET GO!!
THAT WAS WHAT I RESOLVED!
IF ONLY I DIED...
EVERYONE WOULD BE SPARED!
CHLOE COULD LIVE!
LET GO, YOU LITTLE...!
LET GO!
WHY DID SHE COME?
EVERYTHING IS RUINED...

CHLOE...

I'VE COME...
...TO KEEP MY CONTRACT.
YOU TWO...
GET BACK A BIT...
WHA...
THAT BOY... HE WAS A CUSTOMER...
CHLOE...
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I
?!
FOR THREE YEARS, YOU'VE ENDURED BRAVELY...
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WHAT ARE YOU, BRAT?

I'M A SMARG.
I'VE COME TO PRO-TECT THESE TWO.

And his equal in strength, that they might wound each other...
Though he was the other Smarg's equal in great intelligence, that they might deceive one another...
This Smarg despaired the world.
Day by day, he grew weaker.
Ah...
Even tonight...
My wounds do not heal...
There was nothing he could believe in.
Surely, there was nothing in this world worth believing in
That is what he thought.

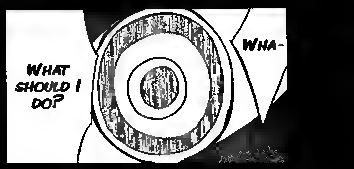
HOWEVER——
...A SMARG HAD EVER HEARD A LULLABY
THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME...
?!
THAT SUCH A THING COULD HEAL HIM...
SMARGS DO NOT SING.
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME A SMARG REALIZED

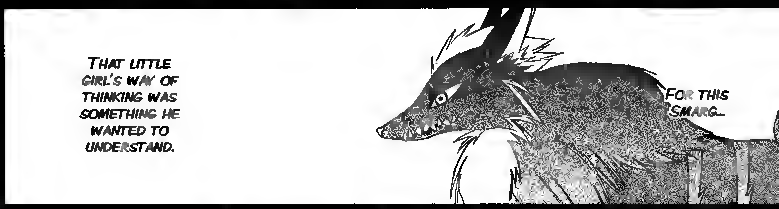
WHAT'S THIS?
ARE YOU FIN-ISHED?
THAT'S TOO BAD...
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
I WANT TO HEAR MORE..
.....
THAT WAS A LUL-LABY..

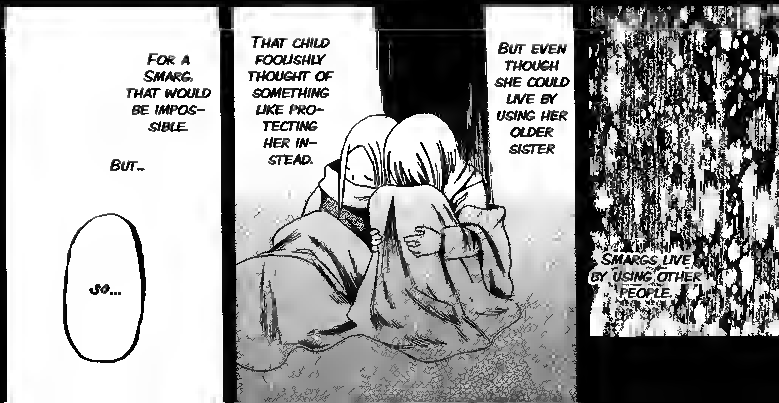
PRO-TECT?
...YOU WANT TO PROTECT.
IT'S SOME-THING YOU SING FOR SOMEONE -
MY SISTER IS ALWAYS PUSHING HERSELF TOO HARD.
IF IT WAS TO PRO-TECT ME...
SHE'D EVEN SACRIFICE HERSELF...!
SISTER... MADE A CONTRACT WITH A SMARG!
...?
SHE SAID SO TODAY!
IN ORDER TO PRO-TECT ME...
SHE'S GOING TO DIE!

Even though I wanted to protect her too!

I could hear everything!


What should I do?
Wha-


That little girl's way of thinking was something he wanted to understand.
For this Smarg...


For a Smarg, that would be impossible.
But...
So...
That child foolishly thought of something like protecting her instead.
But even though she could live by using her older sister
Smargs live by using other people.

LET'S MAKE A CONTRACT.
IF YOU KEEP THE CONDITIONS,
I'LL SAVE YOU TWO.
IF PERHAPS THERE WAS A WORTHWHILE WORLD...
HE FELT THAT IT MIGHT BE IN THE WORLD OF HUMANS.
THIS SOMETHING THAT WAS WORTH BELIEVING IN...
THINGS LIKE LULLABIES. A SONG FOR SOMEONE THEY WISH TO PROTECT...
HUMANS HAVE SOMETHING THAT SETS THEM APART FROM SMARGS...

HE WANTED TO ATTEMPT IT FOR THESE SISTERS.

GAH.
WHY'S YOU'VE ONLY MADE A CON-TRACT...
YOU HAVEN'T GAINED ANY-THING!
NEITHER FLESH...
NOR BLOOD!
IS HE OVER-WHELMED?
AND YET, WHY DO YOU HAVE THIS POWER?!

CONDI-TIONS?
YES.
IF IT'S POWER YOU NEED,
I HAVE IT.

I WILL BE BOUND BY THIS CONTRACT... AND YOU WILL HAVE MY POWER.
I CAN WIN.
I WILL TAKE YOUR VOICE.
THAT IS THE CONDITION OF THE CONTRACT.
Y-
YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TALK,
NOR TO SING.
BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO BEAR IT.
IF YOU DO THAT, I WILL COME TO SAVE YOU.
AFTER THREE YEARS, I WILL COME TO SAVE YOU AND THE CONTRACT WILL BE FULFILLED.

THAT SMARG...
DID HE DEFEAT THE OTHER SMARG?
オオオ
JUST WHAT IS THAT OTHER SMARG...
CHLOE... SURELY, YOU...
IT'S TOO DANGEROUS OVER THERE!
CHLOE!
!
CHLOE!

THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME...
I MADE A CONTRACT WITH YOU FOR MY OWN ENDS, THAT'S ALL.
!
IT WASN'T BECAUSE I WANTED POWER...
...THAT I MADE THAT CON-TRACT.
.....
BUT...
JUST LIKE THAT SHANG WANTED POWER.
SO...
LET ME HEAR YOUR SONG AGAIN.
!

IT WAS ALL THANKS TO YOU..
SOME-HOW, I THINK I UNDER-STAND.
THAT SMUG SAVED US. AND SOME-HOW.
CHLOE!
.....
I'M SORRY.
I KNOW IT WAS PAIN-FUL.
!
FROM NOW ON, IT WILL BE BETTER.
BECAUSE I'LL PRO-TECT YOU.
_NO.

IT WAS MORE PAINFUL FOR YOU, SISTER.
!
CHLOE, YOUR VOICE..!
THANK YOU, SMARG-SAN..
I CAN FINALLY SAY..
..WHAT I'VE BEEN WANT-ING TO SAY FOR SO LONG.
STOP TRYING TO DO EV-ERYTHING ALONE!
BECAUSE I'M GOING TO BECOME STRONG TOO!

YOU'RE NOT JUST LITTLE CHLOE ANYMORE.
THANK YOU..
CHLOE..
YOU'RE RIGHT.
SHARING OUR STRENGTH.
FROM NOW ON, WE CAN GO FORWARD TOGETHER.
THE TWO OF US, TOGETHER.

YOU TWO HAVE SHOWN ME THE PROOF...
THAT I CAN CONTINUE TO LIVE ON IN THIS WORLD, IF THINGS LIKE THIS EXIST.
THAT THIS WORLD...
IS NOT A WORLD OF NOTHING BUT DESPAIR.
THE SONG OF HOPE RINGS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD...
SMARGS WON'T SING — END

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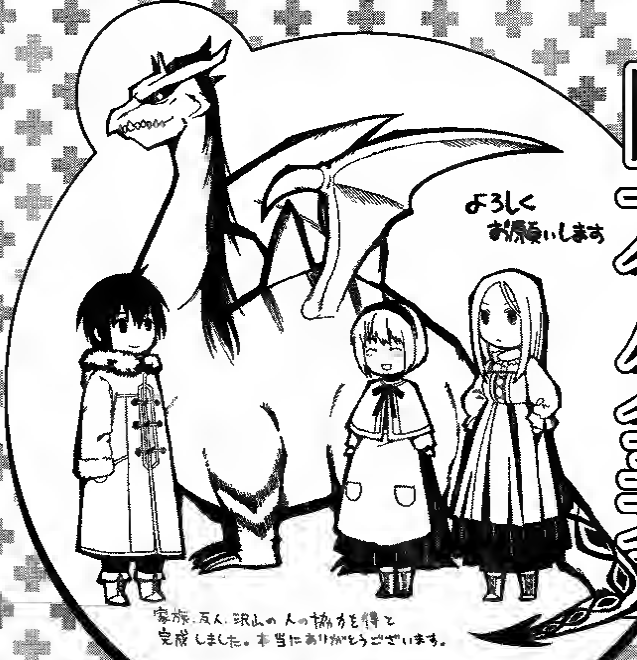
山本久美子先生



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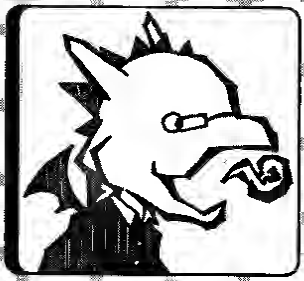

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